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ALCOHOL CAUSE OF BURKE'S DOWNFALL

Evident From Action of Attorneys That This Will Be Plea of Defense.

PROSECUTION HAS RESTED ITS CASE

Post-Office Inspectors Relate Story of Decoy Letter Later Found on Person of Superintendent-First Witnesses for Defense To-Day.

In spresence by the district attorney. Judge Lewis argued that as there are thirty or more witnesses there would probably never be a time when some one would not be absent. He declared that the policy of the defense would result in preventing the case from ever coming to trial.

Judge Waddill overruled the motion of the defense, as the case had been set for trial on December 2d and continued at the request of the accused. The defense arked leave to file an affidavit, outilining what it is proposal to prove by the absent witness, and the affidavit was read, setting forth that Alley was the former barkeeper at the Allen Hotel: that he was now suffering from inflammatory rheumatism, and that his physician, Dr. Frank M. Reade, has advised that it will be dengerous for him to come out. The affidavit further stated that during the first ten months of 1907, Alley was barkeeper of Allen's Hotel, now the Park Hotel; that he reached his place of work about 6:30 A. M. daily, and frequently found Burke waiting to get in: that Burke after buying a number of drinks was accustomed to purchased whiskey in considerable quantities, returning empty bottles.

The statement of Mr. Lamb that this testimony of Alley's is material, and, in fact, essential to the defense, and that without it the defense could not proceed, was taken as a clear indication of the line to be pursued by the defense in making out its case.

The work of securing a jury began

FLEET NEAR BUENOS AYRES

ALDRICH BILL IS READY

ROASTED TO DEATH

AGED CARDINAL DEAD

NO EFFORT IS MADE TO COMBAT EXPERTS

Jerome Depends on Witnesses to Killing to Prove Thaw Sane.

EVIDENCE ALL IN: ARGUMENT TO DAY

Testimony of Abe Hummel on Former Trial, and Will of Thaw Admitted by Agreement. Case to Reach the Jury on Fri-

vices will take place at the Notre Dame Cathedral Saturday.

A message of condolence from President Fallieres has been received at the archbishopric.

The same of the Notre Dame that in "maniac depressive" insanity the diagnosis now applied to Thaw's condition of mind the patient is very and to have attacks of increasing frequency and violence.

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The work of securing a jury began and Mr. Lamb moved to quash the venire, as one member had died and three had been excused by the court. Judge Lewis objected, declaring that the death of Mr. Cannon, one of the venire was a matter beyond the province of the court. The call of the venire continued.

Of the names called, H. D. Gates sid he had expressed sympathy for the accused and his family. Siephen Ellison said he had known Burke for main years—in fact, since boyhood, both were excused. Colonel A. W. Archer had expressed an opinion and was also excused. R. B. Cralle of Farmville, said he had heard that the defense was to be insanity, and that he had no faith in any such pien. He was allowed to go.

A panel of eighten was finally secured, each side then challenging three jurors. Anong those excused by joint consent from jury service, of Continued on Fifth Page.)

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GIVES LIFE FOR OTHERS

AMERICA AND FRANCE

RUN FOR GOVERNOR AGAIN

GAMECOCK A SUICIDE

MOST OF THEM FOR BRYAN

Poll of Democr to of the use Shows More Than Half Favorable.

[From Our Regular Correspondent].

WASHINGTON. D. C., January 28.—

A poll of the Democratic members of the House of Representatives, made by triends of Mr. Bryan, is calmed by them to show that of the 168 Democrats of the House, 107 are for the nomination of Bryan; sixteen for Johnson, seven for Gray, nineteen noncommittal, ten absent, sevent scattering and two opposed to the nomination of Mr. Bryan outright. Of the two anti-Bryan men, one is credited to Pennsylvania and one to Texas.

Seven of the Virginia delegation are placed in the Bryan column, and two are for Johnson.

A SKATER SAVED

Farmer Rides Into Pond and Saves a Young Man From Drowning.

[Sneedal to The Times-Dispatch.]

VINCHESTER. VA. January 28.—
Leslic Owens, a prominent young man of this county, while skating alone on a pond near Opequon Creek yesterday, suddenly fell through the ice and was about to sink from exhaustion, when his cries for help attracted the attention of a farmer, who rode horseback into the deep water and finally rescued him. The young man is still in a serious condition, but is expected to recover.

SEVEN Truly From Wreek BRYAN AND BALLEY ON ALDRICH BILL

Exchange Views and Both Stand for Direct Issuance By Government.

TAKES ISSUE WITH RULING OF COURT

Nebraskan Surprised at Decision as to Corporations Discharging Union Men-Has Too Many New Ideas, Declares Senator Daniel.

BIG FIRE IN CHICAGO

OIL BURNED ALL NIGHT

END OF EDUCATED HOG

LANYERS IN WORDY WRANGLE AT START

Sharp Talk Between Noel and Phlegar Feature of Opening Session.

BULLITT HERE AGAINST RHEA

Committee Will Hear First Testimony This Morning. Senate, by Party Vote, Refuses to Ask Governor for Corre-

Senators who were at the dinner, say this phase of the politics of the country was not talked about.

"We discussed a great many subjects of proposed legislation," said senator Daniel to-day. "I did not hear presidential nominations talked about."

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